

# Rhode Island UCR Guidelines

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To UCR Participating Agencies:

According to Rhode Island General Laws (*Chapter 24 12-24-2*), law enforcement agencies are mandated to submit Uniform Crime Reports to the Rhode Island State Police for the purpose of studying the causes, trends and effects of crime in the state.

Rhode Island's UCR Program is structured after the national crime reporting system, which is administered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Law enforcement agencies must adhere to the reporting standards and guidelines listed in the following:

Volume 1: [Data Collection Guidelines](#)

Volume 2: [Data Submission Specifications](#)

Volume 4: [Error Message Manual](#)

Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook

Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook, NIBRS Edition

Rhode Island Uniform Crime Reporting Newsletter / Updates

Standard Report of Rhode Island General Laws/IBR Codes

Training Guide for Hate Crime Data Collection

UCR guidelines require that police report offenses that occur within their city jurisdiction and that agencies report only those arrests made for offenses committed within their own jurisdiction. Likewise, the recovery of property is reported only by the jurisdiction from which it was stolen.

Also, it is important to classify and score from the records of calls for service, complaints, and/or investigations. Offense counts are to be recorded, not findings of a court, coroner, jury, or decision of a prosecutor since these crime statistics are intended to assist in identifying the law enforcement problem. Agencies are required to adhere to these standards to secure consistency and comparability in the data.

Future updates to the UCR guidelines will be distributed by Newsletters and posted on the Rhode Island State Police web site at [www.risp.ri.gov](http://www.risp.ri.gov). These updates should be saved and filed in this Guideline book. If you have any questions or need additional copies of the crime reporting standards and guidelines, call Rhode Island State Police at 444-1156.